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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7815

BILL NUMBER: HB 1625

DATE PREPARED: May 3, 1999

BILL AMENDED: Apr 29, 1999

SUBJECT: License to take an extra turkey.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This allows the Department of Natural Resources to issue a license for a hunter to take an additional turkey if a fall wild turkey season is established. (Current law allows a hunter to take one turkey annually.) (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Natural Resources Study Committee.)

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) This proposal will increase expenses to the Department in that the Department will need to issue a new license. The Department will be able to absorb any additional costs given its current budget.

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) The table below details the number of turkey licenses the Department has sold as well as the amount of revenue generated by the sales for the three preceding fiscal years.

The Number of Turkey Licenses Sold and the Revenue Generated: Fiscal Years 1996-1998					
Fiscal Year	Type of License	Number Sold	License Fee	Revenue	Fiscal Year Total Revenue
1997-98	Resident	15,655	\$14.75	\$230,911	\$273,615
	Non Resident	587	\$72.75	\$42,704	
1996-97	Resident	13,870	\$14.75	\$204,582	\$240,520
	Non Resident	494	\$72.75	\$35,938	
1995-96	Resident	12,843	\$14.75	\$189,434	\$219,698
	Non Resident	416	\$72.75	\$30,264	

For fiscal years 1996-98, the average number of turkey licenses sold annually equaled 14,620 (including residents and nonresidents), and the average annual revenue generated equaled \$244,600. The current turkey hunting season is in the spring. The number of extra turkey licenses that will be sold and the amount of revenue that will be generated as a result of the proposal is indeterminable. The impact will depend on the number of licenses that the Department makes available and the number of applications for the licenses.

With respect to the increase in the fee for a nonresident hunting license, the average number of nonresident turkey licenses sold for 1996-1998 was about 500. The proposed increase in the license fee would generate an additional \$38 per license sold (\$114.75 minus \$76.75). The estimated increase in revenue would equal \$19,000 per year, assuming that sales remain constant. It is possible that initially sales may decrease due to the increase in the fee. Sales, however, would probably return to previous levels after a few years.

Fees collected from the sale of hunting licenses are deposited in the Fish and Wildlife Fund which is used to finance the operations of the DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Division of Law Enforcement.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Natural Resources

Local Agencies Affected:

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